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**Problem 1:** [10 points]

- (a) Let  $m$  and  $n$  be two positive integers such that  $m$  divides  $n$ , i.e.,  $n = sm$  for some other integer  $s$ . Show that, for any integer  $x$ ,

$$(x \bmod n) \bmod m = x \bmod m.$$

- (b) For each number in  $Z_8$ , state if it has a multiplicative inverse mod 8, and if it has, state its inverse. There is no need to explain your answer.

**Answer:** (a) Let  $x \bmod n = r_1$ . Then  $x = q_1n + r_1$  for some integer  $q_1$ . Further let  $r_1 \bmod m = r_2$ . Then  $r_1 = q_2m + r_2$  for some integer  $q_2$ . Hence,

$$x = q_1n + q_2m + r_2 = q_1sm + q_2m + r_2 = (q_1s + q_2)m + r_2,$$

where  $0 \leq r_2 < m$ . Consequently,

$$x \bmod m = r_2 = (x \bmod n) \bmod m.$$

- (b) 0 has no inverse; 1's inverse is 1; 2 has no inverse; 3's inverse is 3; 4 has no inverse; 5's inverse is 5; 6 has no inverse; 7's inverse is 7.

**Problem 2:** [12 points]

Suppose for applying RSA,  $p = 11$ ,  $q = 19$ , and  $e = 7$ .

- (a) What is the public key  $(e, n)$ ?
- (b) Calculate the private (secret) key  $d$ . Show the computational steps.
- (c) Encrypt the message 100 using repeated squaring. Show the computational steps.

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- Answer:**
- (a) The public key is the pair:  $(e, n)$  where  $e = 7$  and  $n = p * q = 209$ .
  - (b) The private key is given by

$$d = e^{-1} \bmod (p-1)(q-1) = 7^{-1} \bmod 180.$$

To find the multiplicative inverse of 7 in  $Z_{180}$ , we run the extended GCD algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} 180 &= 7 \times 25 + 5, \text{ thus } \gcd(7, 180) = \gcd(5, 7), \\ 7 &= 5 \times 1 + 2, \text{ thus } \gcd(5, 7) = \gcd(2, 5), \\ 5 &= 2 \times 2 + 1, \text{ thus } \gcd(2, 5) = \gcd(1, 2) = 1. \\ 2 &= 1 \times 2 + 0, \text{ thus } \gcd(1, 2) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now working backward, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 0 \\ &= 5 - 2 \times 2 \\ &= 5 - 2 \times (7 - 5 \times 1) = 3 \times 5 - 2 \times 7 \\ &= 3 \times (180 - 25 \times 7) - 2 \times 7 = 3 \times 180 - 77 \times 7. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $d = -77 \bmod 180 = 103$ .

- (c) 100 is encrypted to  $100^7 \bmod n$ , where  $n = 11 \times 19 = 209$ .

$$100^7 \bmod 209 = 100^{4+2+1} \bmod 209 = 100 \times 100^2 \times 100^4 \bmod 209.$$

$$100 \bmod 209 = 100.$$

$$100^2 \bmod 209 = 10000 \bmod 209 = 177.$$

$$100^4 \bmod 209 = 177 * 177 \bmod 209 = 188.$$

$$\text{Thus } 100^7 \bmod 209 = (100 \times 177 \times 188) \bmod 209 = 111.$$

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**Problem 3:** [10 points]

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two different prime numbers. Let  $a \in Z_p$  and  $b \in Z_q$ . Consider the following two modular equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x \bmod p &= a, \\x \bmod q &= b.\end{aligned}$$

We have learned in class that there exists  $x \in Z_{pq}$  that satisfies the two equations. Give a **contrapositive proof** for the following statement:

There is **only one**  $x \in Z_{pq}$  that satisfies the two equations.

Note that this is the uniqueness part of the Chinese Remainder Theorem.

**Proof:** For contradiction, assume there are two **different** numbers  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  from  $Z_{pq}$  that satisfy the equations. (This is the contrapositive of the statement to prove.)

Without losing generality, assume  $x_1 > x_2$ . Then  $0 < (x_1 - x_2) < pq - 1$ . Hence  $(x_1 - x_2)$  is not divisible by  $pq$ .

Because both  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  satisfy the equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 \bmod p &= a, & x_1 \bmod q &= b. \\x_2 \bmod p &= a, & x_2 \bmod q &= b.\end{aligned}$$

By subtracting the second line from the first, we

$$x_1 \bmod p - x_2 \bmod p = 0, \quad x_1 \bmod q - x_2 \bmod q = 0,$$

which imply:

$$(x_1 - x_2) \bmod p = 0, \quad (x_1 - x_2) \bmod q = 0.$$

These two equations mean that  $(x_1 - x_2)$  is divisible by  $p$  and  $q$ . Because  $p$  and  $q$  are different prime numbers, this implies that  $(x_1 - x_2)$  is divisible by  $pq$ , which contradicts our earlier conclusion that  $(x_1 - x_2)$  is not divisible by  $pq$ .

The statement is therefore proved. Q.E.D

**Problem 4:** [10 points]

Prove the following equality **without** using repeated squaring:

$$46^{120} \bmod 77 = 1.$$

[Hint: Make use of the fact that  $77 = 11 \cdot 7$  and try to use Fermat's Little Theorem and the Chinese Remainder Theorem.]

**Answer:** Let  $r = 46^{120} \bmod 77$ . Using Problem 1 (a), we get

$$r \bmod 7 = 46^{120} \bmod 7, r \bmod 11 = 46^{120} \bmod 11.$$

By Fermat's Little Theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 46^{120} \bmod 7 &= (4^6)^{20} \bmod 7 = (4^6 \bmod 7)^{20} \bmod 7 = 1, \\ 46^{120} \bmod 11 &= (4^{10})^{12} \bmod 11 = (4^{10} \bmod 11)^{12} \bmod 11 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$r \bmod 7 = 1, r \bmod 11 = 1.$$

Obviously, we also have

$$1 \bmod 7 = 1, 1 \bmod 11 = 1.$$

It follows from the Chinese Remainder Theorem that  $r = 1$ . The proof is completed.

**Problem 5:** [6 points]

For each of the following pairs of logic statements, either prove that the two statements are logically equivalent, or give a counterexample. In your proof, you may use either a truth table or logic laws. A counterexample should consist of a truth setting of the variables and the truth values of the statements under the setting.

- (a)  $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r$  and  $\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r$
- (b)  $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r$  and  $\neg r \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow \neg q)$
- (c)  $(p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)$  and  $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r$

**Answer:** (a) Equivalent.

$$\begin{aligned} (p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r &\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee r & (s \Rightarrow t \equiv \neg s \vee t) \\ &\equiv \neg p \vee \neg q \vee r & \text{(by DeMorgan's law)} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Equivalent.

$$\begin{aligned} \neg r \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow \neg q) &\equiv r \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q) & (s \Rightarrow t \equiv \neg s \vee t) \\ &\equiv (p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r & \text{(by part (a))} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Not equivalent. Counter example:  $p = T, q = F, r = F$ . The first statement is false, while the second statement is true.



**Problem 6:** [9 points]

Consider the following three statements:

- (i) All rich people have famous-brand products and don't have part-time jobs.
- (ii) Some students with part-time jobs have famous-brand products.
- (iii) All students with part-time jobs are not rich.

Let  $U$  be the universe of all people and define the following predicates:

$R(x)$  :  $x$  is a rich person

$F(x)$  :  $x$  has famous-brand products

$S(x)$  :  $x$  is a student

$J(x)$  :  $x$  has part-time jobs.

- (a) Write down the logic statements for the three statements above.
- (b) Does (i) logically imply (iii)? If yes, give a proof. Clearly state the logic inference rule that you use at each step. If no, explain why not.

- Answer:**
- (a) (i)  $\forall x \in U (R(x) \Rightarrow (F(x) \wedge \neg J(x)))$
  - (ii)  $\exists x \in U (S(x) \wedge J(x) \wedge F(x))$
  - (iii)  $\forall x \in U (S(x) \wedge J(x) \Rightarrow \neg R(x))$
  - (b) Yes, (i) does imply (iii).

**Proof:** Statement (i) can be broken up into the following two statements:

$$\forall x \in U (R(x) \Rightarrow F(x))$$

$$\forall x \in U (R(x) \Rightarrow \neg J(x))$$

The contrapositive of the second rule is:

$$\forall x \in U (J(x) \Rightarrow \neg R(x))$$

Let  $x$  be a generic element in  $U$ . We have

$$S(x) \wedge J(x) \Rightarrow J(x)$$

$$J(x) \Rightarrow \neg R(x)$$

By transitivity of logic implication, we get:

$$S(x) \wedge J(x) \Rightarrow \neg R(x)$$

By the rule of Universal Generalization, we obtain:

$$\forall x \in U (S(x) \wedge J(x) \Rightarrow \neg R(x)).$$

Q.E.D

**Problem 7:** [10 points]

Use induction to prove that, for any integer  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$5^n + 2 \cdot 11^n \text{ is divisible by } 3.$$

**Proof: Base case:** When  $n = 1$ , we have

$$5^1 + 2 \times 11^1 = 27,$$

which is divisible by 3. So, the statement is true for  $n = 1$ .

**Induction hypothesis:** Now let  $n > 1$ . Assume the statement is true for  $n - 1$ , i.e.,

$$5^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 11^{n-1} \text{ is divisible by } 3.$$

**Induction step:** Consider the case of  $n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 5^n + 2 \cdot 11^n &= 5^{n-1} + 4 \cdot 5^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 11^{n-1} + 20 \cdot 11^{n-1} \\ &= 5^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 11^{n-1} + 4(5^{n-1} + 5 \cdot 11^{n-1}) \\ &= 5^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 11^{n-1} + 4(5^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 11^{n-1} + 3 \cdot 11^{n-1}) \\ &= 3y + 4(3y + 3 \cdot 11^{n-1}) \\ &= 3(5y + 4 \cdot 11^{n-1}), \end{aligned}$$

which is divisible by 3.

By the principle of Mathematical Induction, we conclude that the statement is true for all integer  $n \geq 1$ . Q.E.D

**Problem 8:** [10 points]

Consider a function  $T(n)$  defined on integers  $n$  that are powers of 2. Suppose

$$T(1) = 1, \quad T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n^2.$$

Iterate the recurrence or use a recursion tree to find a closed-form expression for  $T(n)$ . Simplify the closed-form expression using the big  $\Theta$  notation.

**Answer:** Iterating the recurrence, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= T(2^j) \\
 &= 3T(2^{j-1}) + 2^{2j} \\
 &= 3(3T(2^{j-2}) + 2^{2(j-1)}) + 2^{2j} \\
 &= 3^2T(2^{j-2}) + \frac{3}{4}2^{2j} + 2^{2j} \\
 &= 3^2(3T(2^{j-3}) + 2^{2(j-2)}) + \frac{3}{4}2^{2j} + 2^{2j} \\
 &= 3^3T(2^{j-3}) + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 2^{2j} + \frac{3}{4}2^{2j} + 2^{2j} \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 &= 3^jT(1) + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{j-1} 2^{2j} + \dots + \frac{3}{4}2^{2j} + 2^{2j} \\
 &= 3^j + 2^{2j} \frac{1 - (3/4)^j}{1 - 3/4} \\
 &= 3^j + 4 \cdot 2^{2j} - 4 \cdot 3^j = 4 \cdot 2^{2j} - 3 \cdot 3^j \\
 &= 4n^2 - 3n^{\log_2 3} \\
 &= \Theta(n^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 9:** [11 points]

Consider a function  $T(n)$  defined on integers  $n$  that are powers of 3. Suppose

$$T(1) = 1, \quad T(n) \leq 9T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 4n^2 + 100n \quad \forall n > 1.$$

Use **advanced induction** to prove that

$$T(n) = O(n^2 \log n).$$

**Proof 1:** It suffices to show that there exist  $n_0$  and  $c$  such that

$$T(n) \leq cn^2 \log n \quad \forall n = 3^i, n > n_0.$$

- Base case: Pick  $n_0 = 1$ . Then the base case is when  $n = 3^1 = 3$ :

$$T(3) \leq 9T(1) + 4 \cdot 3^2 + 100 \cdot 3 = 345.$$

We want the right hand side to be no greater than  $c3^2 \log 3$ . To satisfy the condition, we need  $c \geq \frac{115}{3 \log 3}$ .

- Induction Hypothesis: Suppose

$$T(m) \leq cm^2 \log m \quad \forall m = 3^i, m < n.$$

- Induction Step:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 9T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 4n^2 + 100n \\ &\leq 9c\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^2 \log \frac{n}{3} + 4n^2 + 100n \\ &= cn^2 \log n - cn^2 \log 3 + 4n^2 + 100n \\ &= cn^2 \log n \quad \text{if } c > 104 / \log 3 \end{aligned}$$

So, the proof follows through if we choose  $n_0 = 1$  and  $c = \max\left\{\frac{115}{3 \log 3}, 104 / \log 3\right\} = 104 / \log 3$ . The proof is completed.

**Proof 2:** It suffices to show there exist positive constants  $c_1, c_2$  and  $n_0$  such that

$$T(n) \leq c_1 n^2 \log_3 n - c_2 n, \quad \forall n > n_0. \quad (*)$$

**Base case:** Let  $n_0 = 1$ . Remember  $n$  is a power of 3. The smallest such integer such that  $n > 1$  is 3. So, the base case is  $n = 3$ . For this case, we have

$$T(3) \leq 9T(1) + 4 \times 3^2 + 100 \times 3 = 345 \leq 9c_1 - 3c_2.$$

This is true when  $c_1 \geq \frac{3c_2+345}{9} = \frac{c_2+115}{3}$ .

**Induction hypothesis:** Now let  $n > 3$ . Assume that, for any  $m$  such that  $1 \leq m < n$  and  $m$  is power of 3, the following is true:

$$T(m) \leq c_1 m^2 \log_3 m - c_2 m.$$

**Induction step:** Now consider the case of  $n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 9T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 4n^2 + 100n \\ &\leq 9\left(c_1\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^2 \log_3 \frac{n}{3} - c_2 \frac{n}{3}\right) + 4n^2 + 100n \\ &= c_1 n^2 \log_3 n - c_1 n^2 - 3c_2 n + 4n^2 + 100n \\ &= c_1 n^2 \log_3 n - c_2 n + (4 - c_1)n^2 + (100 - 2c_2)n \\ &\leq c_1 n^2 \log_3 n - c_2 n + (4 - c_1)n^2 + (100 - 2c_2)n^2 \\ &= c_1 n^2 \log_3 n - c_2 n + (104 - c_1 - 8c_2)n^2 \\ &\leq c_1 n^2 \log_3 n - c_2 n, \quad \text{when } (104 - c_1 - 2c_2)n^2 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, we have shown that inequality (\*) is true when

$$n_0 = 1, c_2 > 0, c_1 \geq \max\left\{\frac{c_2 + 115}{3}, 104 - 2c_2\right\}.$$

Consequently,  $T(n) = O(n^2 \log n)$ . Q.E.D

**Problem 10:** [12 points]

Box A contains 3 white balls and 1 red ball, while Box B contains 4 white balls. One ball is randomly drawn from each box and the two balls are then randomly put back into the boxes so that each box still contains four balls. This process is repeated again and again. Let  $p_n$  be the probability that the red ball is in Box A after the process is repeated  $n$  times.

- (a) What is  $p_1$ ?
- (b) For  $n > 2$ , express  $p_n$  in terms of  $p_{n-1}$ ?
- (c) Solve the recurrence from (b) to find a closed-form expression for  $p_n$  in terms of  $n$ .

Show your derivations.

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**Answer:** Let us first define some events:

- $E_{red-in-A}$ : Red ball in A.
- $E_{red-from-A}$ : Red ball drawn from box A.
- $E_{white-from-A}$ : White ball drawn from box A.
- $E_{red-to-A}$ : Red ball put back to box A.
- $E_{red-from-B}$ : Red ball drawn from box B.

Let  $P_n(E)$  of the probability of an event  $E$  after the process is repeated  $n$  times. Note that we want is  $p_n = P_n(E_{red-in-A})$

- (a) We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1 &= P_1(E_{red-in-A}) \\
 &= P_0(E_{white-from-A}) + P_0(E_{red-from-A}) \times P_0(E_{red-to-A}) \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

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(b) After the process is repeated  $n - 1$  times, the red ball is in box A with probability  $p_{n-1}$  and it is in box B with probability  $1 - p_{n-1}$ .

\* If the red ball is in box A after  $n - 1$  times, then  $P_n(E_{red-in-A}) = \frac{7}{8}$ , as shown in (a).

\* If the red ball is in box B after  $n - 1$  times, then

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(E_{red-in-A}) &= P_{n-1}(E_{red-from-B}) \times P_{n-1}(E_{red-to-A}|) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Putting those two cases together, we have

$$p_n = p_{n-1} \frac{7}{8} + (1 - p_{n-1}) \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{4} p_{n-1} + \frac{1}{8}$$

(c) Iterating the recurrence, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &= \frac{3}{4} p_{n-1} + \frac{1}{8} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{3}{4} p_{n-2} + \frac{1}{8} \right) + \frac{1}{8} \\ &= \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^2 p_{n-2} + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3}{4} + 1 \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^2 \left( \frac{3}{4} p_{n-3} + \frac{1}{8} \right) + \left( \frac{3}{4} + 1 \right) \frac{1}{8} \\ &= \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^3 p_{n-3} + \frac{1}{8} \left( \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} + 1 \right) \\ &= \dots \\ &= \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^n p_0 + \frac{1}{8} \left( \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^{n-1} + \dots + \frac{3}{4} + 1 \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^n + \frac{1}{8} \frac{1 - \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^n}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

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